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Subject of Request: 44-11324

FOIPA No. 901801 /190- HQ-30716

*Citizens Councils of LA*

Dear Requester:

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## Section 552

## Section 552a

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(See Form OPCA-16a, enclosed, for an explanation of these exemptions.)

Pursuant to your request, 26 pages(s) were reviewed and 21 page(s) are being released.

During the review of material pertinent to the subject of your request, documents were located which

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*Subject: Headquarters file 44-11324*



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January 8, 1957

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PERSONAL ATTENTION

CITIZENS COUNCILS OF LOUISIANA  
CIVIL RIGHTS

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Enclosed is a copy of Department memorandum dated January 7, 1957, together with a copy of the enclosure thereto.

This matter must be assigned immediately to experienced Agent personnel for immediate attention.

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b7c/b7D [redacted] must be interviewed by two experienced Agents and he should be advised that he is being contacted at the specific request of Warren Olney III, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice. In accordance with Department's instruction you should advise [redacted] of the receipt of his letter by the Department stating that the letter was not acknowledged by the Department to avoid any possibility of arousing suspicion by his receipt of a letter from the Department of Justice. You are to convey [redacted] the personal thanks and appreciation of the Assistant Attorney General for his letter and for his interest in the public welfare. Agents conducting the interview must be most circumspect, both in the contacting and interview [redacted] so as to eliminate any possibility of information getting out that he has been interviewed by the Bureau or contacted by the Department. Agents conducting the interview and any other personnel of your office who may handle this matter should make no comment whatsoever concerning the contact with [redacted]. The inquiry and questions asked by the Department must be thoroughly covered in your report.

You are specifically instructed to make no dissemination of this matter to the United States Attorney and furnish three copies of the report to the Bureau.

A report reflecting the results of the interview must be submitted to reach the Bureau no later than 1/14/57.

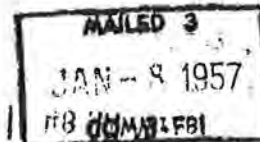
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: JAN 7 1957

FROM : Warren Olney III, Assistant Attorney General,  
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: Citizens Councils of Louisiana

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Boardman	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

It is requested that [REDACTED]

whose mailing address is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] be discreetly interviewed concerning all aspects of the contents of his letter addressed to Assistant Attorney General Warren Olney III under date of December 27, 1956. A copy of that letter is attached.

[REDACTED] has expressed the apprehension that he might lose his livelihood and suffer other retaliation if it should become known that he had written to the Department of Justice concerning the White Citizens Councils, and therefore it is requested that every precaution be taken in contacting and interviewing him to prevent anyone from learning that [REDACTED] is in touch with the Department. It is also requested that [REDACTED] be informed that Assistant Attorney General Olney will not answer his letter by mail in order to avoid any possibility of arousing suspicion by his receipt of a letter from the Department of Justice or from the city of Washington, D. C. It is further requested that the personal thanks and appreciation of the Assistant Attorney General be conveyed to [REDACTED] for his letter and for his interest in the public welfare.

It is specifically requested that [REDACTED] be interviewed concerning his statement that he has information of the over-all plans, methods and objectives of the White Citizens Council which seem to him to be "practically treasonable" and also concerning his statement that he knows and can prove that the ultimate objective of these organizations is to found a national political party based on fear and hate toward Jews, Negroes, Roman Catholics, etc., to rule by coercion and persecution of all citizens. It is further requested that he be interviewed concerning his reference to the White Citizens

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Councils "having cells in most northern states." It is requested that he be interviewed concerning the alleged statements of Senator Rainach to the effect that the objective of the Senator and the Councils is total disfranchisement of the whole Negro population, etc. It is requested that he be interviewed fully concerning the basis for his statements that a reign of terror has been imposed on his section and many of its public officials.

67C It is requested that no copies of the report of the interview with [REDACTED]  
67D [REDACTED] be sent to any agency excepting the Department in Washington.

Attachment



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- ☐ Information pertained only to a third party with no reference to the subject of your request or the subject of your request is listed in the title only.
- ☐ Documents originated with another Government agency(ies). These documents were referred to that agency(ies) for review and direct response to you.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	DATE <b>1/12/57</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>1/10/57</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF LOUISIANA</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>	TYPED <b>ejf</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b>	

SYNOPSIS

**[REDACTED]** advises The White Citizens Council, **[REDACTED]** has brought pressure upon him to join that organization and to engage in a procedure to disfranchise the Negroes **[REDACTED]** of their rights to vote. He said he has refused to join the organization because a La. State Law forbids it. He says **[REDACTED]** is active in the Council **[REDACTED]**

**[REDACTED]** He advises that a high ranking member of the Council has said the organization is just getting started in advocating segregation of the public schools and disfranchising the Negroes of their right to vote and they had a more far reaching program. **[REDACTED]** stated he attended two meetings in 8/56 at which State Senator WILLIAM M. RAINACH was the guest speaker. In these speeches RAINACH said the Negroes would take over the state if they were not disfranchised of their right to vote. **[REDACTED]** stated he knows nothing more about the inner workings of the White Citizens Council, but was told by an elderly friend of his at New Orleans, La., that the Catholics, Jews and Negroes were uniting in a conspiracy to have communists take over the Federal Gov't, and it was necessary for them to organize to prevent this. He stated some other Parish officials had been

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threatened with defeat at the next election if they did not join or cooperate with the Citizens' Councils. He knows of no acts of physical violence, but fears there may be some in the future.

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DETAILS:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] was interviewed at his home [REDACTED] by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. He furnished the following signed statement:  
[REDACTED]

"I, [REDACTED] make the following voluntary statement to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

"This organization sent out a questionnaire to all the candidates for the Parish offices. This questionnaire requested their views on segregation and left the impression that all persons who were in favor of integration were Pro-communist.



"A branch of the White Citizens Council was organized [redacted] in approximately September 1956.  
[redacted]

[redacted] is the  
of the White Citizens Council  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] So far as I know none of the Parish officials have joined.]

"In September, 1956, I went to the office of [redacted]

[redacted] He asked me to join the White Citizens Council. I told him I could not as there was a State law to prevent it. He said I had no choice and I would have to join or lose my job. I repeated to him that I could not join.

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and another man whose name I do not know called on me at my office [redacted] They asked me what my views were on communism and segregation. I told them I was not in favor of mixing the schools here. I told them I was definitely not interested in communism, and was bitterly opposed to it. I also told them [redacted]

"During the latter part of October, 1956, [redacted] told me when I was visiting him at his home that he was not going out on a limb politically by opposing the White Citizens Council. He said the organization was a formidable one and that I would have to satisfy them or be removed. I told him I would try to satisfy them but I could not join the group because the State law forbade me from joining a political group.

[redacted] at one time told me the White Citizens Council was not a political organization but was a moral one and I should have no more scruples about joining this organization than I would about joining a church.

"I discussed the matter of attending the White Citizens Council Meetings with [redacted]

[redacted] He told me I could not attend the meetings of this group as it is political in nature. I also discussed this matter with [redacted]

His views on the matter were the same as [redacted]

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"The only meeting I have attended of the group that subsequently became the White Citizens Council was in August, 1956, [redacted] All the Parish and Ward officials and Mayors of the towns in the Parish were invited. Senator William W. Rainach was the chief guest speaker. He expressed the opinion that Negroes were going to take over the State if we did not go back to the system of total disfranchisement of the Negroes in their right to vote. He said New York State had 8% Negroes and they had taken over that state and certainly they could take over Louisiana with 32% of the vote. He said that anyone who was in favor of allowing Negroes to vote was in favor of integration. He discussed the flexibility of the Louisiana Voter registration law, and said it should be used to disfranchise the Negroes.

"During the first week of August, 1956, all the Registrars of Voters in the state were called to Baton Rouge for a financial meeting. About 40 of the registrars were present. Senator Rainach appeared before the group and spoke along similar lines to the meeting set forth above [redacted]

"These are the only times I have ever heard Senator Rainach speak.

"I have never received any correspondence from Mr. Rainach.

"During the Spring of 1955, [REDACTED] discussed with me the possibility of having two registered voters challenge the right of some of the Negroes to vote. I told them that under the law that was their privilege and I would abide by that if they were challenged. He wanted me to challenge them on my own. I told him I could not do it. He said at a later time that they were going to clear the rolls in their own way.

"Around the middle of December, 1956 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Governor Long was not available but I did see Lieutenant Governor Frazar. He said he would relay the message to Governor Long and no action would be taken before my friends and I were notified.

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"Shortly after that I was told [REDACTED] that Governor Long had called him and asked him if he had threatened me. [REDACTED] said he denied making any threats to me.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

"Recently a resident of our Parish, whose name I do not wish to divulge, said the 14th and 15th Amendments to the Federal Constitution had been passed illegally, and it was no more binding on us than the laws passed in Norway during the quisling regime of the German occupation. He said we should not consider this the law and not hesitate to ignore it.

"In October, 1956, an elderly friend of mine at New Orleans, La., whose name I do not care to divulge told me there was a conspiracy between the Roman Catholics, Jews, and Negroes to have communism take over the government. He said the people had to unite to fight this conspiracy. This man was trying to persuade me to become a member of the White Citizens Council.

"During the Spring of 1956, [redacted] told me there are segregation organizations in 47 states under various names and some segregation organization has existed in Louisiana since 1954.

"During the Summer of 1956, I overheard [redacted] talking to another individual on the street [redacted]. He said this business of clearing Negroes from the Voters registration rolls and the segregation of schools was only the beginning of their program, and they had a more far reaching program.

"This is the only information I have as to the aims of the Citizens Council. I furnish this information not for fear of losing my job but because I do not wish to have blood shed over the segregation issue.

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b7D [redacted] told me had been told by [redacted] that he should think very deeply about joining the Citizens Council and he would regret it if he did not.

[redacted] would not tell me directly that he had been threatened if he did not join the Citizens Council but I believe he has been.

"I believe [redacted] has been urged to join.

"I have also been told that [redacted] was threatened by the Citizens Council if he did not cooperate with them.

"By threats I do not mean threats to do bodily harm, but threats of removal from office or defeat at the next election. I know of no instances of actual physical violence in this Parish.

"I have read the above statement on this & the eleven other handwritten pages, & it is true & correct.

"/s/ [REDACTED]

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"Witness:

/s/ [REDACTED] Special Agent, F.B.I., New Orleans, La.

/s/ [REDACTED] Special Agent, F.B.I., New Orleans, La."

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The following physical description was obtained of [REDACTED] from personal observation and interview:

Race  
Sex  
Age:  
Height  
Weight  
Hair  
Eyes  
Marital Status  
Occupation

White  
Male  
49, born [REDACTED]  
5'7"  
135 lbs.  
Completely gray  
Brown  
Married  
[REDACTED]

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67C [REDACTED] was advised that Mr. Olney would not  
67D make a written reply to his letter dated December 27, 1956. The  
personal thanks of Mr. Olney were relayed to [REDACTED] No  
other person was contacted [REDACTED] on the date of the  
interview with [REDACTED]

REFERENCE

Bureau airtel to New Orleans, 1/8/57.

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Assistant Attorney General  
Warren Olney III

February 6, 1957

Director, FBI

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CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF LOUISIANA  
CIVIL RIGHTS  
(Your reference 146-1-3211, WO)

Reference is made to your memorandum of January 7, 1957, and to my memorandum of January 15, 1957, enclosing a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 12, 1957, at New Orleans, Louisiana.

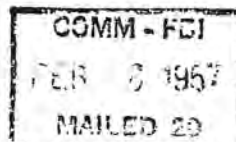
Enclosed is a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 31, 1957, at New Orleans, Louisiana.

In view of the information contained in the enclosed report and referenced report of January 12, 1957, it is requested that you advise whether you now desire the information furnished to appropriate intelligence agencies. If you approve, the information will be appropriately paraphrased and [redacted] name will not be disclosed.

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NOTE:

[redacted] wrote confidential letter to Mr. Olney dated 12-27-56 in which he stated he had information concerning the overall objectives of the Citizens' Councils of Louisiana, and the potential of violence intended by this group. Olney requested he be interviewed on highly confidential basis and details obtained from him. This was done and report furnished Department 1-15-57. [redacted] subsequently appeared at the Baton Rouge Resident Agency [redacted] and furnished an additional signed statement in which he alleges additional violence on part of Citizens Council of Louisiana. In Mr. Olney's original request of 1-7-57 he specifically instructed that copies of reports not be furnished to the USA or to any agency except Department. In view of information furnished it now appears that appropriate intelligence agencies should be informed of the information and [redacted] identity protected.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Date <b>1/31/57</b>	Investigative Period <b>1/30/57</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF LOUISIANA</b>		Report made by <b>[REDACTED] b7c</b>	Typed <b>me</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b>	

Synopsis:

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[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] he was in a conversation with [REDACTED] a member of the Citizens' Council, [REDACTED] told him there could be no neutrals in this matter and he was either for them or was their enemy. [REDACTED] said eventually all their enemies would be removed from public office in every state and their more troublesome enemies would be eliminated. [REDACTED] also stated there had been general talk among the members of the Citizens' Council that arrangements were being made to keep Negroes from actively participating in the armed services, and to get them assigned to do menial tasks.

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DETAILS: AT BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

[REDACTED] appeared at the Baton Rouge Resident

Approved <i>[Signature]</i>	Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
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*[REDACTED]*  
*[Signature]*  
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Agency accompanied by his wife [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]  
He said he had some additional information to add to the  
information he had previously furnished. He furnished  
the following signed statement:

"Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
[REDACTED]

"I, [REDACTED]  
make the following voluntary statement to [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] whom I known to  
be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of  
Investigation.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
came to my home [REDACTED] and in the presence  
of my wife [REDACTED] made the following statements:

[REDACTED] readily stated he was a member  
of the Citizens Council [REDACTED] I told him  
I was moderate, and under the Louisiana law I  
could not join such a group. He said there are  
no neutrals in this matter, and you were either  
for them or you were their enemy. He stated the  
time would come when all their enemies would be  
removed from public office in every State. He  
also stated there would eventually be bloodshed  
and the more troublesome enemies would be shot.

"I then asked him if he believed this  
would result in Civil War. He said he did not  
believe there would be Civil War as such, but  
there would be sporadic fighting all over the  
United States and their more troublesome enemies

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would be eliminated.

"It has been general talk among the members of the Citizens Council [REDACTED] that they were trying to get arrangements made to keep the negroes from actively participating in the armed services. Under their plan they would be assigned to menial tasks behind the lines.

"I have read this statement & it is true & correct.

"s/ [REDACTED]

"Witness:

"s/ [REDACTED]

"s/ [REDACTED]

Special Agent, FBI,  
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

"s/ [REDACTED] Special Agent,  
FBI, NEW ORLEANS, LA."

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REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated January 12,  
1957 at New Orleans.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: February

Mr. Tolson	
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Miss Gandy	

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146-1-3211

FROM : Warren Olney III, Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: Citizens' Councils of Louisiana  
Civil Rights

Reference is made to your memorandum of February 6, 1957, with the report dated January 31, 1957, of Special Agent [REDACTED]

The information set forth in the report of January 31 as well as that contained in your report of January 12, 1957, may be furnished to the appropriate intelligence agencies. We agree that under the circumstances [REDACTED] name should not be disclosed.

*let New Orleans  
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JGK*

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March 4, 1957

Director, FBI 44-11324-

Receps SA [redacted] at New Orleans  
dated 1-12 and 1-31-57 captioned, "Citizens'  
Councils of Louisiana, Civil Rights."

Enclosed herewith for your information is a copy of a self-explanatory memorandum from Assistant Attorney General Warren Olney III dated 2-20-57.

You should prepare a report under the caption, "Citizens' Council of [REDACTED] Louisiana," suitable for dissemination and incorporating pertinent information contained in referenced reports. [REDACTED] identity should be protected through the use of a T symbol and pertinent information furnished by him should be appropriately paraphrased in order to fully protect his identity. Buded 4-1-57.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

[redacted] wrote confidential  
 letter to Mr. Olney dated 12-27-56 in which he stated he  
 had information concerning the over-all objectives of the  
 Citizens' Councils of Louisiana and the potential for  
 violence of this group. Olney requested he be interviewed  
 on a highly confidential basis and details obtained from  
 him. This was done and a report was furnished to the  
 Department under the caption, "Citizens' Councils of  
 Louisiana, Civil Rights," on 1-15-57. [redacted]  
 subsequently appeared at the Baton Rouge resident agency  
 [redacted] at which time he furnished information alleging  
 additional violence on the part of Citizens' Councils  
 of Louisiana. Olney [redacted] request that [redacted] be  
 interviewed specifically instructed that copies of reports  
 in this matter should not be furnished to the U.S. Attorney  
 or to other Government agencies. By letter 2-6-57, Olney  
 requested to advise whether he desired information contain  
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Letter to New Orleans  
Re: CITIZENS' COUNCIL OF [REDACTED] LOUISIANA

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in rereps be furnished to the appropriate intelligence agencies. By memorandum 2-20-57, Olney stated that the information contained in rereps could be furnished to the appropriate intelligence agencies but requested that [REDACTED] identity be protected.

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Date: 2/4/58

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT  
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TO: Director, FBI  
 FROM: SAC, New Orleans (44-804)  
 RE: CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF LOUISIANA  
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Rereps SA [REDACTED] 1/12/57 and 1/31/57 in captioned matter.

On 2/3/58 [REDACTED] accompanied by his wife, [REDACTED] came to the Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Resident Agency. He informed that [REDACTED] Jackson, La., was at [REDACTED] on 2/1/58 when he reported there for work. [REDACTED] had a commission from EARL K. LONG, Governor of Louisiana, advising he was [REDACTED] effective on that date.

This is furnished the Bureau for information. No action is contemplated by the New Orleans office and none will be taken UACB.

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